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SUBJECT: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING - SITREP NO 22

REF: SITREP NO 21

1. INTERIOR MINISTER RETURNED AMBASSADOR'S CALL CITED REFTEL. HE EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION AND DISMAY THAT LEAKAGE ON KIDNAPPING HAD OCCURRED IN WASHINGTON AFTER EXTREME CAUTION EXERCISED BY OFFICIALS OF GOM HAD AVOIDED LEAKAGE SINCE MARCH 22. HE FELT, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE LEAK HAD OCCURRED, IT WAS SENSELESS TO WITHHOLD NAME OF VICTIM AND BARE FACTS OF CASE, I.E. LOCATION, SUCH BIO DATA AS USG WANTED TO RELEASE, IMMEDIATELY. HE COMMENTED IT IS ONE THING FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO KEEP MATTER QUIET BUT QUITE ANOTHER TO SEEM TO DELIBERATELY MISLEAD PUBLIC OPINION.

2. ARIZONA JOURNALISTS REPORTEDLY IN HERMOSILLO AND REPORTING ON RANSOM DEMAND FOR HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

3. HERMOSILLO REPORTS ANDRA (MRS. JOHN) PATTERSON SAYS REGULAR PASSPORTS BELONGING TO HER AND JOHN ARE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, NOT YET RECEIVED AT POST. JOHN PATTERSON HAD NO OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION EXCEPT STATE DEPT. IC, DRIVERS LICENSE, AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. LAST ITEM WAS FOUND IN HIS OFFICE. HE PRESUMABLY HAD OTHER TWO DOCUMENTS ON HIS PERSON WHEN HE DISAPPEARED.

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4. DIKEOS REPORTED THAT ANDRA PATTERSON IS MOVING BACK TO THE ELTON HOUSE FROM THE EL ENCANTO MOTEL TO AVOID UNDESIRE EXPOSURE TO THE PRESS, NOW THAT STORY HAS BROKEN. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO COVER MOTEL ROOM IN CASE CONTACT BY KIDNAPPERS ATTEMPTED.
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